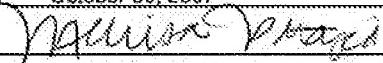


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Introductory Comments

With this Request for Continued Examination, please consider the following arguments, in response to the July 13, 2007, Office Action, in support of patentability. A one-month extension of time is hereby requested to extend the deadline for responding until November 13, 2007. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the extension fee, and any additional fees which may be required to further the prosecution of the captioned application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1620, referencing Attorney Docket No. X-0139. The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 and Applicant's Remarks begin on page 10.